

# KITSAP COUNTY DAHLIA SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 2006

## HEADS UP, EVENTS COMING UP, SO PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our next "regular" meeting will be February 16th at the Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Road, Poulsbo (just off Central Valley Road) beginning at 7 PM. At this meeting we will have an educational program on making cuttings of your few-in-number-but-precious dahlias by Bob Schroeder and Loney Kennedy. As an added bonus Dave Smith's Garden Bloopers will be revealed (and yours if you are willing to share) and suggestions will be solicited as to what tubers to order for the club's garden stock.

Our hosts will be Wanda Novak and Joan Hagerman.

## RESERVE THESE UPCOMING DATES

- March 11, Sat-Federation Spring Workshop in Mt. Vernon  
contact Richard Tailleir for more information
- March 25, Sat-beginning at 9 AM at Central Valley Community Hall and Garden Club. Members are needed to help package tubers for the upcoming tuber sale and set up the hall for the sale. Contact Pat Paulsen for more details.
- March 30, Thurs-6-8 PM at Central Valley Community Hall and Garden Club. "Members ONLY" tuber sale.
- April 1+2, Sat. 9-6+ Sun. 10-4 -at Central Valley Community Hall and Garden Club. Annual KCDS tuber sale to public (our only money-making activity for KCDS' coffers).
- April 8 tentative*, Sat -Port Orchard KCDS tuber sale, location not yet disclosed. Contact Richard Tailleir for more details.
- May 6, Sat. beginning 9 AM-planting of the club garden at the Silverdale Post Office. Contact Beth Taylor, Kim Schleis or Tom Kramer for more details.
- August 5+6, Sat + Sun-KCDS Dahlia Show at the Kitsap County Fair grounds, President Hall. Contact Terry Schroeder for more details.

IT'S FEBRUARY  
it must be time to:

Order all your carefully thought-out tubers after you have tracked down all possible trades and checked out the **current Select Cream of the Crop** and the **current Fabulous Fifty** varieties.

Prepare cuttings: Plant tubers with the neck above the surface and the eye showing in a warm room. Sprouts should appear in 2 weeks. With a razor-sharp knife, cut off the sprout just below the second set of leaves. Trim the 2nd set of leaves so that you have the stem with the first set of leaves as your cutting. Dip the cutting in a rooting compound and place in soil and water or place directly into oasis plant tray. LABEL each cutting. When plants become root-bound, transplant them into 3" pots.

Garden maintenance—weed, weed, weed, and due to our unusually mild winter, be prepared for an abundance of unwanted guests. Begin now to remove hiding places for emerging slugs and earwigs.

### Important Note:

In the **March** edition of this newsletter we publish a complete membership listing with names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. If you do **not** wish to be on this listing or if you do not want a part of this information shared,

## KCDS 2006 Questionnaire

Remember it is YOUR Club

Please bring your ideas to the February meeting, or, if unable to attend, pass them along to one of the Board members.

- What New Dahlia Varieties would you like to see in this year's Club Garden?
- What Topics would you like presented at the meetings for March, April, May and June?
- What Guest Speakers would you like to have KCDS invite for special presentations?
- Would you like to see KCDS put together our own Dahlia Calendar? Would you be interested in participating on the Calendar Committee?
- What are your favorite WEB sites/links for Dahlia Information?
- Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Useful web sites with links:  
[www.Dahlias.net](http://www.Dahlias.net) , [www.Dahlias.org](http://www.Dahlias.org)  
and our own web site,  
[www.KitsapDahlias.org](http://www.KitsapDahlias.org).

**Ebeth is getting ready to put in our order for KCDS club T-shirts, Polo shirts and Sweat shirts. You may choose from gray or maroon. She has 24 orders already, and the more orders we have the deeper the discount. So hurry and place your order with her.**

**In addition, do you want your minutes to the previous meeting, but can't wait for the next meeting? Ebeth is able to email them to you, should you so request.**

**For either, see her at the next meeting**

## ***You Should Have Been There***

Once the intricacies of projector placement were mastered upon discovering that the big room was occupied by a troop of boy scouts, Leone gave a running commentary on the finer (and not-so-fine) points of eighty-six new dahlia introductions for 2006. A detailed listing of the new introductions and where to obtain them was thoughtfully provided. Leone provided quite an education on the amazing variety of dahlia types, forms, sizes, colors and just what a senior judge would be looking for. This editors particular favorite was Normandy Addaline, an introduction by Bill Schwinck , a BB sized, formal decorative, a light blend of yellow petals outlined by dark pink. Other delights were Chimacum Cathleen by our own David and Leone Smith, a water lily light blend in shades of pink and yellow, Tahoma Higgo by Les Connell a B sized lacinated dark blend in yellow with dark red tips, Rio Fiesta single variegated in yellow and red and Rio Fuego collarette dark blend in bronze and red , both by Kevin Larkin and Karen Zydner, Maniac AA (dinner plate) semi-cactus variegated orange and red and Tyler James A sized informal decorative flame in contrasting red and yellow by Nicholas Gitts. These were just a few of my favorites ( cautionary note: I just enjoy having dahlias in my garden-I'm not into showing), and the names of these new dahlias were alone were worth the presentation. With 86 new introductions, I'm sure everyone present at the slide show found something that tickled their fancy (and I'm sure a few will

### **HOW TO HURT YOUR SOCIETY**

Do not attend any meetings.

Criticize what they are doing,

But do not offer an alternative or help.

Disrupt the meetings and knock

The officers and board members.

Do not support or attend club functions, sales, shows, etc.

Be negative, look for faults and complain.

Do not run for office and

Do not volunteer to serve on any committee.

Take what you can, but give nothing in return.

Take a position and then do not fulfill your duties.

Volunteer to help and then do not show up.

**PLEASE If the shoe fits, try not to wear it anymore.**

From the **ADS Bulletin** Provided by Bill Jones

## **TATER PEOPLE**

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work.

They are called "**Spec Taters**".

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work.

They are called "**Comment Taters**".

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but they don't want to soil their own hands.

They are called "**Dick Taters**".

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet.

They are called "**Agie Taters**".

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help.

They are called "**Hezzie Taters**".

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not.

They are called "**Emma Taters**".

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others.

They are called "**Sweet Taters**" .....

What kind of tater are you?????

From the newsletter **ARMATURE**

## Message from the President

Most of you have heard my wife Janet and I have two new additions to the family, two new Springer Spaniel puppies. With all my sons off to college I guess we needed something to do and we both forgot just how much fun? raising puppies really is. I have assigned the pups to the task of clearing all the old plant stocks and preparing the soil for this coming springs planting and they are up to the task believe me. Fortunately for us, most of the organic fertilizing is occurring outside in the garden!

This is month three for me as president and I want to tell everyone that the KCDS members are working hard preparing for several events for the year. To make these events successful we need everyone's help. Membership only gets out of an organization what you put into it. And what is really neat is that there are several levels, which you can participate. Many of you just want to come to the meetings and socialize, have dessert and learn a little each month and plants dahlias for sharing with family and friend. Then we have the true hobbyist that likes to show dahlias. You may only show at the KCDS show or really get hooked and participate in several shows.

Here is where most KCDS members also become members of the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers. By joining the Federation, you get a show number and a show book, the most valuable tool you will need for the show season. You can take you dahlia hobby to the next level with the Federation by attending workshops and classes to become a dahlia

judge. All of the dahlia experts from all over the state participate in Federation activities. We would like to see all of our members also become part of the Federation.

As you can see, a KCDS member has a choice in just how active you want to be. We are committed as a club to provide the education and tools to have fun with your new hobby. Right now our clubs first major activity, the KCDS annual dahlia tuber sale preparation, is now in full swing. Pat Paulsen, chair of the sale will be asking for your help at this months meeting. This is our most important fund raiser of the year and I want to encourage everyone participate, whether it by packaging tuber, setting up the sale or help cover a shift to sell tubers, KCDS needs everyone's help.

As you are going through your tubers to see how they are faring through their long winter's nap (What you haven't checked? Remember the adage about one rotten apple?), please consider any extras that you can't plant, will be most willingly be accepted by the club for the upcoming tuber sale in April. Ideally you can bring your divided, cleaned and labeled tubers to the tuber packaging on March 25, having given Bill Jones you best estimate as to type and number of tubers by March 18 (so that he can prepare labels for packaging).



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